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A HORRIFYING INVESTMENT IN EVERY ISSUE!
MERASMUS'S MONEY PIT
HOLD YOUR BREATH, MORTALS!
MERASMUS IS UNDERWATER,
AND HE'S DRAGGING YOU DOWN
WITH HIM! IN A TALE WE CALL...
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FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, ***ALL*** EVIL CARNIVALS HAVE SOUGHT TO APPEASE BONZO!

MERASMUS IS NO DIFFERENT! FEAST YOUR QUIVERING EYES ON MY UNHOLY MONUMENT TO ***CARNIVALIAN CORRUPTION!***

WHITTLED BY MY OWN HAND FROM A ***WOODEN METEORITE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN!***

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SNF WHAT'S THAT ***SMELL?***

IT IS THE SULFURIC STENCH OF A **THOUSAND BURNING SOULS!**

NO, THAT'S NOT IT. ARE THESE ***SCENTED*** CANDLES?

YES!

IT IS THE SANDALWOOD OF A **THOUSAND BURNING SCENTED CANDLES!**

ALRIGHTY, LET'S SEE... DIDJA ANOINT THE STATUE WITH THE BLOODA VIRGINS?

YES! MERASMUS' OWN BLOOD! IT'S **CERTIFIED PURE!**

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OH ***GEEZ***. THAT IS ***NOT*** A CHEAP FIX.

I CAN CUTCHA A BREAK ON LABOR, MAYBE. BUT LADY, THIS IS GONNA ***COST*** YA.

BUT STEVE, I'M ALREADY TWELVE THOUSAND DEEP TO THE JAPANESE MAFIA ON THIS CURSED VENTURE!

MERASMUS SUNK EVERYTHING INTO HIS EVIL CENTERPIECE!

THE WORLD'S LARGEST **STRONGMAN MACHINE!**

WAIT. YOU SPENT ***ALL YOUR MONEY*** ON A MACHINE THAT'S TOO BIG FOR ANYONE TO USE?

STOP SPEAKING IN ***RIDDLES***, STEVE! I NEED SOLUTIONS!

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'COURSE, THE NUMBER OF CORPSES ***YOU'D*** NEED...

WHISTLE

IT'S POSSIBLE. BUT WHERE ARE YA GONNA FIND A BUNCHA IDIOTS WILLIN' TO KILL A WHOLE LOTTA PEOPLE REAL FAST FOR FREE?

KNOCK
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OH HI MERASMUS! WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT KILLING YOU! COME ON IN!

BOO!

HOW TO BEAT A DNA TEST

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